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4. (Twice Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the lactic raw material is a liquid or a dispersion of solids in a liquid.

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6. (Three Times Amended) A process for obtaining a fraction of lactic raw material enriched in glycomacropeptide or caseinoglycomacropeptide ("GMP") comprising the steps of:

deionizing a lactic raw material for a time sufficient to obtain a substantially deionized lactic raw material having a pH of about 1 to 4.5 with the pH being adjusted, if necessary, to the recited range;

contacting the substantially deionized lactic raw material with an anionic resin having a hydrophobic matrix for a sufficient amount of time and at a sufficient temperature to remove GMP from the substantially deionized lactic raw material and to obtain a treated liquid material, wherein the substantially deionized lactic raw material contacts the resin in a gently stirred reactor at a temperature of less than 50°C for one to ten hours to adsorb the GMP onto the resin;

separating the resin from the treated liquid material; and
separating the GMP enriched fraction from the resin.

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12. (Twice Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the step of separating the GMP enriched fraction from the resin is accomplished by washing the resin with demineralized water;

desorbing the GMP from the resin by washing the resin with an acidic, basic or saline aqueous solution rinse;

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washing the resin with demineralized water;
combining the eluate and the washings;
demineralizing the combined eluate and washings by ultrafiltration or nanofiltration on a membrane with a mean cut-off region of about 3000 daltons to obtain a retentate and filtrate; and
recovering the GMP enriched fraction as the retentate; and
optionally freeze-drying the recovered retentate.

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Sub → 19. (Twice Amended) The process of claim 1 wherein the GMP enriched fraction obtained therefrom includes less than 1% by weight of fat, less than 0.2% by weight of lactose, and less than 3% by weight of true whey products and is included with a carrier in a composition.

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Sub → Please add the following new claim:

BS 24. (New) A process for obtaining a fraction of a lactic raw material enriched in glycomacropeptide or caseinoglycomacropeptide ("GMP") comprising the steps of:

deionizing a lactic raw material for a time sufficient to obtain a substantially deionized lactic raw material having a pH of about 1 to 4.5 with the pH being adjusted, if necessary, to the recited range;

Sub → treating the resin with an alkaline material;

contacting the substantially deionized lactic raw material with an anionic resin having a hydrophobic matrix for a sufficient amount of time and at a sufficient temperature to remove GMP from the substantially deionized lactic raw material and to obtain a treated liquid material;

separating the resin from the treated liquid material; and

separating the GMP enriched fraction from the resin.

25. (New) A process for preparing a composition that contains glycomacropeptide or caseinoglycomacropeptide ("GMP") in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said process comprising the steps of:

(a) deionizing a lactic raw material for a time sufficient to obtain a substantially deionized lactic raw material having a pH of about 1 to 4.5 with the pH being adjusted, if necessary, to the recited range;

(b) contacting the substantially deionized lactic raw material with an anionic resin having a hydrophobic matrix for a sufficient amount of time and at a sufficient temperature to remove GMP from the substantially deionized lactic raw material and to obtain a treated liquid material;

(c) separating the resin from the treated liquid material;

(d) separating the GMP enriched fraction from the resin; and

(e) combining the GMP of step (d) with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.